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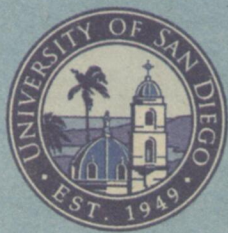
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## Welcome new Toreros

USD ranked No. 1 Most Beautiful Campus in the Nation



The University of San Diego is well known for its Spanish architecture and immaculate landscaping. The church of the Immaculata is located at the heart of the USD campus.

Walker Chuppe/ The USD Vista



Lilyana Espinoza  
News Editor

The Princeton Review has ranked the University of San Diego as the No. 1 Most

Beautiful Campus in the Nation in their 2018 edition of *The Best 382 Colleges*. According to the publication's College Ranking Methodology page, the rankings are based on "surveys of 137,000 students at the 382 schools in the book."

The survey asked how

students rate the beauty of their campus and claimed that "schools that make it onto any of [their] 62 top 20 lists are those at which the surveyed students (as a group) indicated a very high consensus of opinion about that topic."

Students that are exposed

to USD see the beauty of the campus around every corner they turn. Senior Kaitlin Girtin shared her experience being on the USD campus.

"When I tell people that I attend the University of San Diego, most people associate its

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## Construction ends

New Paseo de Colachis expansion completed



Lilyana Espinoza  
News Editor

The University of San Diego is ready to present its newest addition to campus, the Paseo de Colachis. An idea first conceived in 1984 has finally come to fruition, funded entirely by one donor, Mrs. Katherine Colachis.

Executive Director of University Design Mary Whelan is a USD alumna who graduated as an art major in 1986 and is familiar with USD's Spanish Renaissance style. The latest project she has been involved in on campus is the Paseo de Colachis Project.

"I've seen a lot of the change [in the university] but I think the Princeton Review designation isn't something that happened overnight," Whelan said.

USD has had many construction changes, all of which aim to benefit the Torero

community.

"Paseo de Colachis is the third major landscape project along Marian Way, realized by donor contributions with the primary funding from Katherine and James Colachis," Whelan said. "The first was the closure of the roadway in front of Hughes Center and the Immaculata to create Colachis Plaza in the mid-1990s. The second project was the Plaza de San Diego, created between Maher and Serra Halls in 2005."

Whelan's work includes balancing architectural style and working with architects to understand program needs. That is partly why so much time and effort was put into ensuring that what was going to be built would fit the community and the needs of the students.

The project idea began in 1984 when Mrs. Colachis and her family helped commission a landscape architect to look at the entirety of USD with the hope of developing a more student-friendly area. According

to Whelan, when discussing the master plan process in 1996, the goal was to incorporate the plans drafted in 1984. Mrs. Colachis came forward in 2010 with a donation of seven million dollars for the project to bring to life what she and her family had started years ago.

"The concept was to remove the roadway and create a pedestrian mall for students, faculty, staff, and visitors, interconnecting our academic buildings west of the Immaculata," Whelan said. "The final design derived from campus stakeholder input, including student and faculty workshops, which helped to shape the experience we hope this new space can provide."

Removing the roadways has an impact on parking. There are about 60 fewer spaces and the West Parking Structure will be utilized for students, faculty, and visitors. Also, the trams will now travel shorter distances between the West Structure and

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The new Paseo de Colachis features many different types of outdoor spaces to enjoy.

Walker Chuppe/ The USD Vista



# NEWS

## A beautiful place to learn

*USD has come a long way since its founding in 1949*

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beauty with the nearby beaches and the city itself," Girtin said. "Don't get me wrong, the view of the bay from my freshmen dorm was unreal, but what is even more beautiful is the building that I lived in and its surroundings."

She explained how people can discover something new at USD every day.

"Walking to class isn't just walking from one building to the next," Girtin said. "If you stop and look around, this walk becomes a stroll through the Spanish Renaissance decorated in vibrant flowers and palm trees. From the elegant buildings to the eye-catching blossoms to the beautiful people throughout campus, I'm happy to have called this place my home."

It is no accident that USD has blossomed into the beautiful campus it is today. When the university was first opened in 1949, co-founder Mother Rosalie

Clifton Hill wanted the campus to be beautiful, as stated on the USD History webpage.

"Beauty will attract them; goodness will lead them; but the truth will hold them," Mother Rosalie said.

She knew that beauty was not all that a campus has to offer, but it was one of the key elements. Beauty is an initial attraction when deciding on a college, and students do take it into consideration when choosing their potential future campus. Mother Rosalie knew that beauty was not enough to keep students.

"When [students] are here, they will encounter people in whom they find a certain goodness," the USD History webpage stated. "This, in turn, will lead them to the truth, which will hold them. For Mother Rosalie Hill, the search for truth was the purpose of the university."

The USD community has a duty to help keep the campus



In 1949, the University of San Diego was merely empty land and has quickly grown into the beautiful campus that stands today.

Photo courtesy of USD History Webpage  
been under construction since January 9, 2017, will take down its final fencing after Labor Day weekend to add to the campus aesthetics.

A lot has changed for USD since its founding in 1949. Many more changes will be made in order to improve the beauty of the campus for future years to come. The goal of these improvements is to make USD a good place to learn and an even better place to grow.

beautiful as well as represent the purpose for which the university was built. James T. Harris III, President of USD, commented on USD's recent recognition of No. 1 Most Beautiful Campus in the nation.

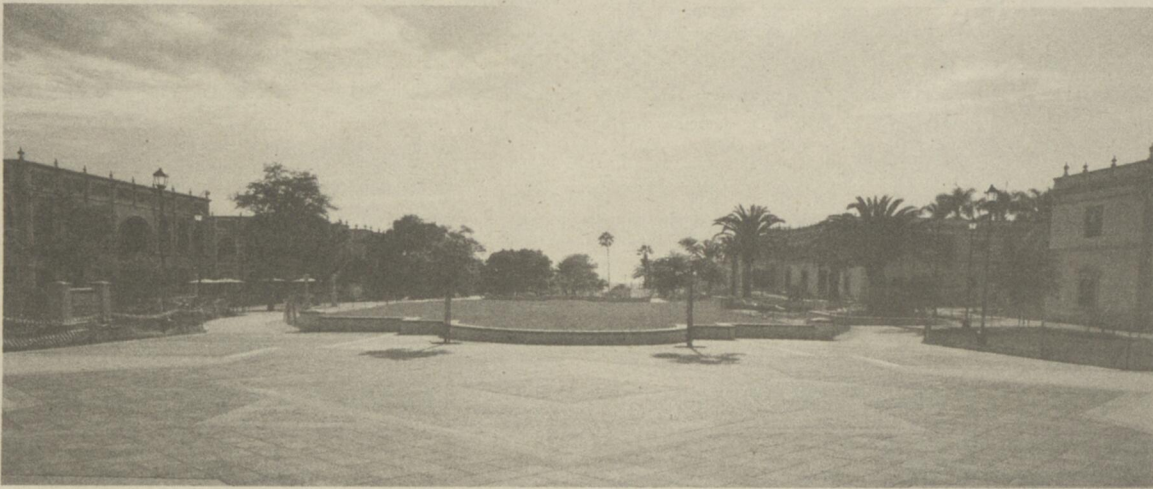
"USD's founders inspired us to beauty, truth, and goodness," Harris said. "We are grateful that the Princeton Review named USD the No. 1 Most Beautiful College Campus in the country. Mother Rosalie Hill and Bishop

Buddy, our founders, would be very pleased to learn that USD has earned this recognition but I would guess they would remind us that goodness and truth are equally as important. Let us savor this moment but never forget our responsibility to continue their vision for this remarkable university."

Today the university continues to expand and add to the beauty of the campus. Paseo de Colachis, a project that has

## Construction fences taken down

*USD community members can now enjoy the new pedestrian mall on campus*



The new walkway was intended to provide the campus community with a more interact space, rather than having a vehicular area.  
Walker Chuppe/ The USD Vista

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SOLES, which will make for faster tram services.

In 2012, the process for the design continued with input from students and faculty. The elements that made the Colachis project a reality came from the ideas of what students and faculty on campus wanted to see. For example, students and faculty gave feedback that the lawn in the middle of the mall

could be used as an outdoor classroom area.

According to Whelan, there was a pause on the project, and in early 2016, those ideas from 2012 were reintroduced to validate that what was being built fulfilled what the university wanted.

Ky Snyder, Vice President of University Operations, corroborated the idea that the pedestrian mall is meant for students and their needs.

"We really want to reserve that space so that students can just come outside, sit on the lawn, play frisbee, study, meet with friends, and do what students want to do," Snyder said. "This is the fulfillment of a vision for campus that was recognized long ago and due to the Colachis family, we are now seeing firsthand the vision they wanted fulfilled for our campus."

Not only was this a massive transformation for the middle

of campus, but the project had a tight deadline to be completed. According to Snyder, the university did not want this construction to impact the school longer than one semester. With the help of the design team as well as the contractor for the project, Rudolph and Sletten, the construction was completed within the desired timeline.

The project's first construction date was January 9, 2017. The construction crew worked on the project for extended hours and even weekends since school has been out. Most of the fencing has been taken down and Paseo de Colachis is ready for students and faculty to enjoy while the final fencing around the library is removed after Labor Day weekend.

It was a long construction for students living in Camino Hall and Founders Hall and for those who utilized the buildings for class. Sophomore Victoria Klazura is excited to see the finished project.

"I lived in the back [of Founders] Hall so I didn't hear the construction that loudly from my room," Klazura said. "I did have a class in Camino with a window facing the outside and I could hear the construction from that room, so I understand how the construction could have annoyed people closer to the construction."

It is no secret that the construction was an inconvenience but the final product is exciting now that it's ready to utilize.

"Also, it was inconvenient having to walk around to get to Olin and the buildings on the opposite side of the construction, but I think the final product will be worth it," said Klazura. "I haven't seen the final product yet, but I'm excited to see it!"

Although this project might have come across as an inconvenience, the campus community can use the new addition to its full capacity after Labor Day weekend.

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# ARTS & CULTURE

## Concert venues abound in SD

*From big to small, San Diego's musical venues have it all*



Anderson Haigler  
A & C Editor

San Diego has much to offer as a city, and its concert venues are no exception. From the House of Blues to the Mattress Firm Amphitheater, San Diego provides a rich range of places to experience a performance.

The House of Blues, located in the Gaslamp Quarter neighborhood of Downtown San Diego, is a mid-sized venue that holds 1,500 people. The House of Blues is a series of venues, featuring establishments in many major U.S. cities in addition to San Diego.

The venues are known for their roots in blues, gospel, and rock & roll music, but host artists of all kinds. The House of Blues features multiple levels of seating as well as a restaurant and bar.

Senior Marissa Millender said her favorite place in San Diego to see a show is the House of Blues.

"I saw The Neighborhood and Bad Suns at the House of Blues and I really liked it," Millender said. "The venue really made the concert a lot better because the House of Blues is spacious and it's just a cool building. It has a restaurant in it and is in the middle of downtown, so that really added to it for me."

Another popular venue in San Diego is The Observatory North Park, a smaller venue that has hosted hip-hop and rap shows with artists such as Post Malone, Rae Sremmurd, Khalid, Mura Masa, and A\$AP Rocky, in addition to artists of all genres.

The venue, constructed within an old theater, features an ornate interior, including vaulted ceilings and curtains from the venue's original configuration. Senior Rich Atnip enjoyed his concert experience at The Observatory.

"The Observatory gets great names of every genre and still provides a fairly intimate atmosphere," Atnip said.

Atnip is also a fan of the Cal Coast Credit Union Open

Air Amphitheater, a 4,000+ seat venue on the San Diego State University campus. The amphitheater, constructed in the 1930s, hosts artists of all genres, ranging from rapper Lil Wayne to rock band Young the Giant.

"I really enjoy it because even though it's outside, it is rather small and not too pricey for the names they get there," Atnip said. "I saw The 1975 there and it blew me away."

One of the largest and most historic venues in San Diego is the Valley View Casino Center, formerly known as the San Diego Sports Arena. Built in the late 1960s, it holds 16,100 people and has hosted many large concerts over the years, including The Grateful Dead, Jimi Hendrix, U2, and more recently, Justin Bieber. Senior Bri Maldonado recently saw Flume perform there.

"Flume is an amazing artist and his performance as a whole was incredible," Maldonado said. "The stage setup was beautiful, and the great acoustics and lights definitely added to the show's vibe."

The largest dedicated music venue in the San Diego area is the Mattress Firm Amphitheater, formerly known as the Sleep Train Amphitheater. Located in Chula Vista, the 20,500 seat open-air venue features traditional seating as well as lawn seating, and has often played top-tier artists such as Future, Green Day, Imagine Dragons, and Sam Hunt. The venue has various food and beverage options.

Senior Blakeney Fairey saw Sam Hunt at the Mattress Firm Amphitheater this past summer and shared her experience.

"He was great live, but I wish he would've played for longer," Fairey said. "He just had so many good songs I wanted to see. The venue is nice, we got to tailgate a little and the lawn is nice because you can just bring a blanket and post up. Food and drinks were way too expensive though."

As the fall concert season begins, USD Toreros will have plenty of options to see their favorite artists and bands perform.

### Upcoming shows in San Diego

#### Mattress Firm Amphitheater

Imagine Dragons

September 28

Jason Aldean

October 7

Luke Bryan

October 27

#### The Observatory North Park

Lil Yachty

September 18

Post Malone

October 4

#### House of Blues

Atlas Genius

September 22

Blues Traveler

November 19



The Observatory North Park provides an intimate atmosphere for concertgoers. Tayler Reviere Verninas/The USD Vista

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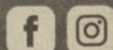
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# Upcoming Community Events

*Welcome Back Toreros!*

*Start your school year with these fun opportunities for campus involvement.*

## MASS OF WELCOME

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3  
11:00 A.M.  
JENNY CRAIG PAVILION

## NOTHING BUNDT FEMINISM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4  
1:15 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.  
SLP 418

## COMBATING FOOD POVERTY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4  
1:15 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.  
MISSION CROSSROADS

## TOOLS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4  
1:15 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.  
UC FORUM B

## WELLNESS FAIR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6  
12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.  
NEW COLACHIS PLAZA

## Study ABROAD 101

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8  
2:45 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.  
SERRA HALL, ROOM 215

## WELCOME POOL PARTY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10  
12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.  
SPORTS CENTER POOL

## THEATRE AUDITION CALL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11  
6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.  
CAMINO HALL, ROOM 131

## ALCALÁ BAZAAR

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12  
11:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

## MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14  
12:15 P.M.  
THE IMMACULATA

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## ***Back-to-School Playlist***

*Selected by Editor in Chief*

All I Can Think About Is You  
*Coldplay*

Cash Out  
*Calvin Harris, ScHoolboy Q, PARTYNEXTDOOR*

Marmalade (feat. Lil Yachty)  
*Macklemore*

Mi Gente  
*J Balvin, Willy William*

Reverend  
*Kings of Leon*

More Than You Know  
*Axwell & Ingrosso*

I Like Me Better  
*Lauv*

Complicated (feat. Shungudzo)  
*Bantu*

Jungle (Radio Edit)  
*Tash Sultana*

Blu (feat. Damon Albarn)  
*Mura Masa*

More Mess  
*Kungs, Olly Murs, Coely*



# FEATURE

## Olé Weekend at a Glance

*What you may have forgotten during orientation*



Abby Gentry  
Feature Editor

New student orientation is a whirlwind of new information that is often quickly forgotten with all of the excitement and chaos of the new school year. After several days of lectures and instructions, it's no wonder that some of that important information has already been lost. Here is a quick recap of some of the most important information to keep in mind as the new year kicks off.

### Know the lingo

Many of the popular buildings on the beautiful USD campus have acronyms to abbreviate the long names. However, when one is unfamiliar with these buildings and also still trying to navigate a new campus, these acronyms can easily complicate things.

The first and arguably most important building on campus is the Student Life Pavilion, or SLP for short. This is where most meals are eaten and student clubs and organizations meet. Connected to the SLP is the UC, or University Center. The UC is where One Stop, the Multicultural Center, Parking Services, and more organizations and services are located. The SLP and UC pump much of the life and energy into the school's community.

The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, better known as the KIPJ, is located at the very west end of campus. Known for the most beautiful views on campus, the KIPJ is a great place to check out a beautiful sunset after a long day of classes. It is also home to many classrooms, the Political Science, International Relations, and History departments, lecture halls, and even several unique art displays.

Finally, the Jenny Craig Pavilion, referred to by students as the JCP, is on the complete opposite side of campus next to the baseball fields. The JCP is a great place to get a good workout in or better yet, to go to a volleyball or basketball game.

### Meal Plans

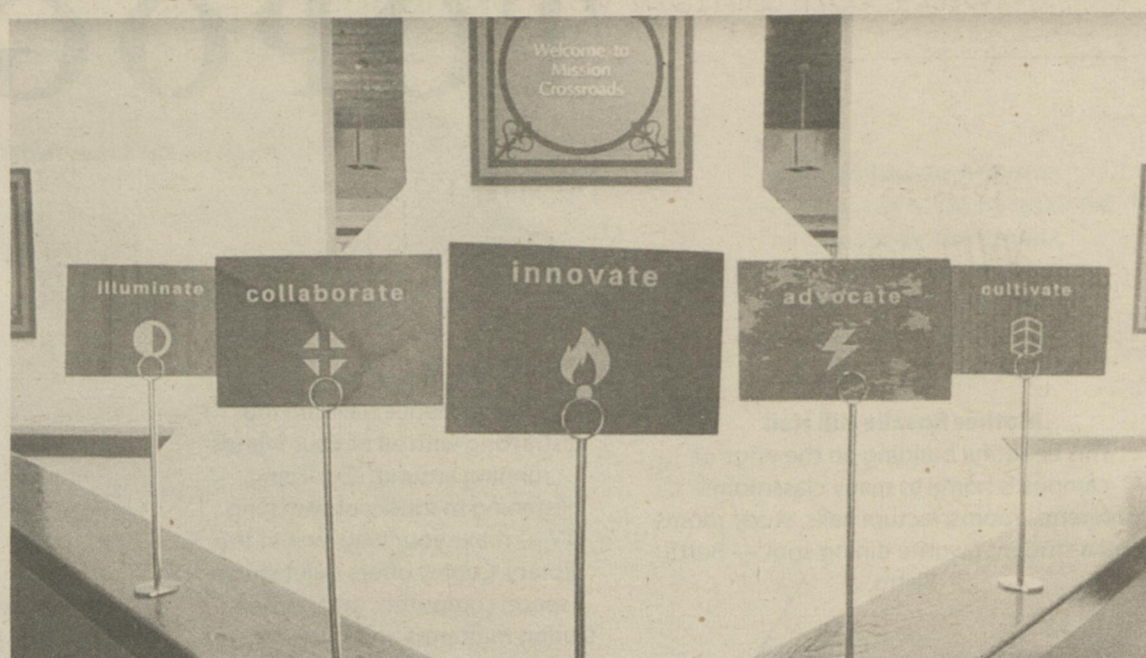
Another complicated but important concept often glossed over during orientation is the explanation of meal plans. All new students receive the same basic meal plan. However, there is an option for a bigger meal plan if desired. There are three basic components within the plan: swipes, dining dollars, and meal equivalencies.

Swipes are used only at the SLP during dinner-time (4:30-10 p.m.) or weekend brunch (10 a.m.-2 p.m.). A swipe gets you unlimited entrances to the buffet for the evening or brunch. There are also two guest swipes per semester that may be used to help out a friend, visitor, or an upperclassman without a meal plan. Dining dollars are used at Tu Mercado, La Paloma, Bert's Bistro, Aromas, La Gran Terraza, and Mission Café and work similarly to a debit card where you pay per meal.

### Laundry

For many first-year college students, doing laundry is a daunting task. Once you have finally built up the courage, and the dirty clothes can no longer pile up in the corner of your room, it is time to pay a visit to the laundry rooms. This year, USD is implementing a new laundry system that is expected to be available to students by September 28. Due to unavailability and construction, laundry in the residential halls will be free until the installation is completed.

The new system will no longer require a laundry card and users will be able to pay for loads with a credit card. Hopefully, this will make the laundry experience



The 2017-2018 Living Learning Communities offer a variety of themes to represent the interests and passions of the incoming class. Photo courtesy of sandiego.edu

much less intimidating for first-timers.

### LLCs, Preceptorials, Scholastic Assistants - Oh My!

While you spend most of Olé Weekend with your LLC and preceptorial class, it is completely okay to still be a little confused about what it all means.

The LLC, or Living Learning Community, is the umbrella grouping of people living in your dorm or at least in the general area. There are typically several activities during the semester held for each LLC to bond over similar interests and passions such as community service.

More importantly, the preceptorial class is whom you will spend a large sum of time with in the first year. Within your LLC, you are placed into a class with people who also live directly around you. This way, you immediately find familiar faces where you live and while walking around campus.

In the spring semester, you will be automatically enrolled in another class with your preceptorial group. Unlike the fall semester, you are allowed to drop this class for whatever

reason you want. The LLC and preceptorial program are something that makes the first year at USD so memorable.

Another resource to making the new transition as smooth as possible is developing a relationship with your Resident Assistants and Scholastic Assistants. The Resident Assistants (RAs) are student staff members who live in each dorm and assist the students in their designated hall. It is their duty to enforce community standards, pay attention to safety standards, and offer any necessary resources to residents such as advice on joining clubs and organizations, working through roommate troubles, and general help adjusting to dorm life.

Scholastic Assistants (SAs) are assigned to an LLC preceptorial class and support first-year students in their academic endeavors. SAs serve as mentors to help students develop and establish a successful academic path to be fulfilled in years to come.

### Torero ID Cards

Finally, your student ID card will quickly become one

of your most valuable assets to navigating life on campus. First and foremost, your ID is used to access your dorm room and residential area. Each ID card is programmed so that only residents of specific dorms or halls may have access to that area.

You also use your card in dining halls for both meal swipes and dining dollars. Additionally, dining dollars are accepted at certain off campus locations including Olive Cafe, Sushi Freak, Rubicon Deli, and Pita Pit to name a few. It is important to keep track of your student ID as it is the key to getting around campus (literally!); however, if it does manage to get lost, you can replace it at Card Services in the University Center for a fee of 15 dollars.

Orientation is incredibly useful for learning the basics of what new students need to know in the first few months. However, it is completely normal to have lingering questions and confusion about how things work. The USD campus and community is there to help with any further assistance, so never be afraid to ask!

## Letter from the President

Dear New Toreros,

Welcome to the University of San Diego! It is a great honor and a real joy to serve as your president. In the summer of 2015, I made the decision, just like you, to become a Torero, and the experience for my family and me has been extraordinary!

As you settle into this new adventure, I wish to congratulate you on all the hard work and perseverance that has led to this exciting time of your lives.

We have been busy this summer, making sure that everything is in order for the start of the academic year. Just this past week, the construction fences surrounding Paseo de Colachis came down, revealing a beautiful pedestrian walk that provides new space for our campus community and visitors to enjoy.

In August, The Princeton Review ranked USD as the most beautiful campus in the nation. This brings to mind the words of our co-founder, Mother Rosalie Hill. She said that beauty would attract people to our campus. Once here, they would experience the goodness within those around them. Ultimately, it is through these encounters where they would find the truth, which would hold them.

Over this weekend and for the next several years, you will experience firsthand the goodness within those around you. Your experiences at USD will help you to discover the truth, which I believe will leave a positive impression that lasts a lifetime.

You are in for a truly rewarding experience. With more than 8,500 students from 77 countries and 44

states, USD welcomes students, faculty, and staff from around the world, representing different backgrounds, experiences, and faith traditions. USD has a strong sense of community and is deeply engaged in society.

Our incoming class in 2017 is quite remarkable. We are welcoming 1,221 first-year students who join the Torero family from 39 states, two U.S. territories, and 30 countries. Eighteen percent report that they are the first in their family to attend college, and 37 percent are from underrepresented populations. In fact, this is one of the most diverse classes in the university's history. In addition, we are welcoming some 350 new transfer students to our campus to experience our Culture of Care.

Our campus community is blessed with a rich Catholic intellectual tradition

and is one of only 41 institutions in the world designated as a Changemaker Campus. Our Catholic identity and Changemaker distinction reflect a deep conviction to help you apply your knowledge, skills, and talents to confront humanity's urgent challenges. Our unique learning environment, both inside and outside of the classroom, empowers you with a competitive advantage after graduation, where a robust alumni network will support you throughout your career.

We are so very thankful that you have chosen the University of San Diego, and I look forward to engaging with you throughout your journey at USD!

Sincerely,  
James T. Harris III, D.Ed.  
President



# EXPLORING THE TORERO TOPOGRAPHY

Graphic by Rita Srekais/The USD Vista, Content by Abby Gentry/The USD Vista

**Mother Rosalie Hill Hall**  
This beautiful building on the edge of campus is home to many classrooms, conference rooms, lecture halls, study rooms and a student favorite dining spot — Bert's Bistro.

**Bert's Bistro**  
Tucked away in Mother Rosalie Hill Hall, Bert's is one of USD's hidden gems. With a wide range of options including sushi, Mexican food, burgers, and barbeque, Bert's is the perfect place to grab a hearty meal before heading back to class.

**Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice**  
On the very edge of campus is the KIPJ which has one of the best views on campus, and is the perfect place to relax and watch the sunset after a stressful school day.

**West Parking Structure**  
Didn't snag a spot in the Missions Parking? Check for spots in the West Lot and take the tram to get to campus in time for class.

**La Paloma**  
After hitting several classes in the KIPJ, Shiley, and Mother Rosalie, walking all the way to the SLP may be a drag. La Paloma is the perfect solution to grabbing a quick and delicious bite to eat on this side of campus, and even serves breakfast all day.

**Copley Library**  
If the residence halls are too distracting with all of your friends running around, socializing, listening to music, or watching TV — make your way over to the library. Copley offers quiet study space, computers, and printers. During midterms and finals, be sure to get there early to reserve a room for your study group.

**Camino Hall**  
The twin brother to Founders Hall — Camino is the all-male residence hall with a beautiful bridge (known to students as the "love bridge") connecting the two buildings.

**Founders Hall**  
What's found in founders? It's home to the all-girls residence hall, Founders Chapel, University Ministry, the College of Arts and Science offices, and is only a bridge-walk away from Camino.

**Aromas Coffee Shop**  
The convenient location, upbeat atmosphere, and savory beverage and food items make Aromas the ideal spot to meet for group projects, grab a coffee with your favorite professor, or just hang out with friends in between classes.

**Maier Hall**  
Located in the center of campus, Maier is host to first-year residence halls, classrooms, and the popular study area and coffee shop, Aromas.

**Serra Hall**  
Serra Hall, one of the oldest buildings on campus, hosts academic departments as well as the counseling center. The computer lab near the entrance comes in handy when a trip all the way to the library seems unimaginable.

**Manchester Hall**  
While post-grad life may seem distant, it's never too early to check out Career Services for resume building and interview preparation.

**Olin Hall**  
The building for busy, bustling, business majors.

**Shiley Center for Science and Technology**  
This modern building on the southwestern corner of campus is home to science and research classes. If you're lucky, you might be able to grab a study spot on the patio overlooking Linda Vista.

**Hahn University Center**  
Your go-to for a wide variety of clubs, organizations, and services including the Torero Store, Card Services, U.S. Bank, Associated Students, La Gran Terraza, and more!

**Missions A/Missions B**  
Missions A and B are a hub for first year residence halls that includes Missions Cafe where you can grab a quick snack.

**Jenny Craig Pavilion**  
Make sure to support your fellow Toreros by attending the fall volleyball games and spring basketball games in this main sports venue.

**Fowler Park**  
Home to the USD's baseball team where you can cheer on your fellow Toreros during the spring season.

**Alcala Vista Apartments**  
Commonly referred to by residents as "The Vistas," the Laguna, Cuyamaca, Borrego, and Palomar Halls are home to sophomore students, and offer a variety of study and social spaces.

**Sports Center**  
The Sports Center includes a gymnasium, stage, and pool available for all students. Campus Recreation available workout classes in the Sports Center for which you have option to receive class credit.

**Mission Parking Structure**  
This parking structure is available to guests and students who have the appropriate parking permits. Be sure to get here early to secure a spot! Pro-tip: You can use carpool passes Monday-Friday from 7-10 a.m.

**Manchester Field**  
A great spot to play a game of pick-up soccer with friends or join an intramural team for a more competitive experience.

**Law Library**  
Is Copley packed with your distracting friends? Are you looking for a quiet place to study? Don't want to walk all the way to Copley? Check out the Law Library for a silent study space with plenty of room to hit the books.

## Timing the walk around the terrain

**FROM MISSIONS A/B**  
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Serra: 10 min.  
Founders: 15 min.  
Camino: 16 min.  
MRH: 18 min.  
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Shiley: 20 min.  
Olin: 15 min.  
Manchester: 14 min.

**FROM MAHER HALL**  
Serra: 1 min.  
Founders: 5 min.  
Camino: 6 min.  
MRH: 8 min.  
KIPJ: 10 min.  
Shiley: 10 min.  
Olin: 5 min.  
Manchester: 4 min.  
SLP: 3 min.

**FROM FOUNDERS AND CAMINO**  
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Serra: 5 min.  
MRH: 5 min.  
KIPJ: 7 min.  
Shiley: 7 min.  
Olin: 5 min.  
Manchester: 5 min.  
SLP: 7 min.



# OPINION

## Returning Toreros talk USD 101

*Students share helpful tips and resources to survive the first semester*



Taryn Beaufort  
Opinion Editor

As the semester begins, USD welcomes an incoming flood of new students, including both first year and transfer students. Walking onto USD's campus as a brand new student can be overwhelming at times.

USD offers many exciting opportunities as students embark on their new journeys. In order to capitalize on everything USD has available, here are a few tips and resources for campus survival that students should note.

Junior Sofia Sanchez noted that the most important thing to know is how to balance one's work load.

*"Don't be intimidated by the resources that USD has. From Financial Aid to professors, everyone is willing to assist you."*

- Ava O'Brien

"It took me quite a while to figure out that the classes weren't easy like in high school," Sanchez said. "The workload for each class is very demanding — you can't expect to get your homework done in less than an hour."

This lesson didn't come easy to Sanchez. After a short trial period, Sanchez became a master of balancing her coursework.

"I wish I knew it wasn't going to be easy," Sanchez said. "Being at USD takes a lot of dedication and work, but as

long as you make the time to get everything you need done, you'll be able to do everything else you want and won't feel stressed."

Sanchez adopted the practice of using a planner in order to stay organized and alleviate stress.

"I would strongly advise new students to start using a planner as soon as possible," Sanchez said. "My planner helps me plan out all my assignments so I know the deadlines of everything."

Senior Ava O'Brien can provide incoming students with additional wisdom to help ease their transition.

"Nothing [about navigating the campus] is too confusing at USD," O'Brien said. "The campus layout is perfect for newcomers and easy to adapt to."

Throughout O'Brien's time at USD she has learned to take advantage of the wide variety of activities available to students.

"Don't be intimidated by the resources that USD has to offer," O'Brien said. "From Financial Aid to professors, everyone is willing to assist you."

All professors hold office hours outside of class time for students to receive additional help. Oftentimes, office hours will be listed in a professor's syllabus. Students can ask for



The Student Life Pavilion (SLP) offers multiple cuisines such as Mediterranean, American, Mexican, and Chinese. Walker Chuppe/The USD Vista

clarification on assignments, review previous exams, or discuss class material.

In addition to office hours, there are various other additional resources that students can seek out for help on campus.

"The Information Technology Services [ITS] has been a tremendous help to me," O'Brien said. "They can answer any and every question you have about any of your technological devices. I wish I knew about them earlier."

There are a variety of other on-campus, noteworthy departments. The One Stop Student Center, located in the Hahn University Center, is a place for students to ask all questions regarding financial aid, student accounts, and registration. Another helpful tip to know is that each academic department offers tutoring services available for all students.

For example, the English Department offers services

through the Writing Center, located in Founders Hall. The Math Department holds tutoring services in Serra Hall and a list of all provided tutoring services can be found on USD's website. Some of these services are based on a drop-in basis, while others require a scheduled appointment.

An additional, vital resource offered by the university is the tram service.

As a new student, senior Madison Samuels was at first unaware of the efficient tram service that takes students throughout campus.

"Living on campus, the tram services are crucial unless you want to be doing the long walk to campus every day," Samuels said.

Samuels, like many other students, had a difficult time catching the tram as a result of it being jam-packed with people or her timing being off.

"Figuring out the tram schedule was difficult for me,

but then I learned about the app that tracks the shuttle and lets you know when it's going to arrive," Samuels said. "New students should take the time to download that app [MySDMobile] — it's a life saver."

The first year at a new school is likely to be challenging due to an unfamiliar environment. However, hopefully this preset knowledge will ease the transition.

Despite the unfamiliarity and worries of a new campus, newcomers should have nothing to stress about. Whether you are coming in as a first-year student or a transfer, there are plenty of resources to help guide you from your first semester to your last. For some, that may be turning to particular on-campus departments. For others, it may be as simple as asking for help from a returning student. Whatever your preference, remember, USD is always here to help.

## A letter from the Dean

*Dean of Students, Dr. Donald Godwin, welcomes new students to the university*

Welcome to the University of San Diego!

As you join the university for Olé Weekend, our hope is that we can provide you with a foundational experience that allows you to begin your college journey successfully. Throughout Olé Weekend, you will be introduced to a number of topics and experiences aimed at providing you with knowledge about the college experience, as well as a sense of belonging at USD. I encourage you to lean in and fully participate in all that has been planned for you during your orientation days.

While Olé Weekend is the beginning of your USD experience, I want to fast forward to the time when you will graduate from USD. Imagine yourself walking across the stage at commencement and receiving your diploma. Hopefully, you will be able to think back about your USD experience as one of the best times of your life. I'd like to offer a few tips to ensure that

you have one of the best and unique educational experiences of your life.

*Living and Learning:* A majority of new students will live on campus in the residence halls. The residence halls are

*"Learn about what it means to be a Torero and Changemaker in your early days at USD. You'll discover beauty and goodness that will last a lifetime."*

-Dr. Donald Godwin

not just a place to sleep, shower, and study. At USD, the residence halls are a place where learning occurs via your encounters with those from various states and countries. In doing so, you will form relationships that will last a lifetime and quickly find that USD is now your new home. Please take advantage of the many learning experiences you'll be invited to participate in by the Residential Life staff as well as your LLC theme.

*Academic Life:* One of the primary reasons you are in college is to engage

the life of the mind through USD's Core Curriculum and your academic discipline. Be sure to consistently attend your classes, be an active participant, and complete course

requirements. If you are experiencing a problem in your academic experience, reach out to your faculty, Scholastic Assistant, Resident Assistant, or the Dean of Students to learn about the many academic services at USD. Seeking help early is my best advice if you are having academic challenges.

*Social Life and Wellness:* A significant amount of your time in college will be spent outside of the classroom. Given this change from high school, you will need to think about how you will manage your daily life. Plan out your

day to include time for class attendance, outside-of-class homework and study time, regular exercise, meals, and time for social events, including campus involvement. The Center for Student Success is a great resource to assist with developing a time management plan. A good time management plan will set you up for success and reduce stress.

*Seek Assistance:* Please do not hesitate to reach out for help. Both our faculty and administrative staff are eager to assist you and ensure your success!

Finally, learn about what it means to be a Torero and Changemaker in your early days at USD. In doing so, you'll discover beauty and goodness that will last a lifetime.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Donald Godwin  
Assistant Vice President  
and Dean of Students



# Students explore San Diego

*Toreros share their favorite off-campus spots in the local area*

Victoria Zielinski  
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University of San Diego students are lucky to call one of the finest cities in America their home. Whether they choose to spend a weekend with friends or explore solo, San Diego has multiple locations to visit before Toreros graduate.

Returning students shared some of their favorite go-to spots around the city to eat, relax, and spend time outdoors.

Junior Megan Herz's ideal weekend involves going to the beach and being near the water.

"Sunset Cliffs is a cool place to explore, and definitely a pretty place to catch the sunset," Herz said. "It's a fun idea to have a picnic, and there are some hiking trails to check out."

Located about 15 minutes away in Point Loma, Sunset Cliffs is a great place to snap some photos of the cliffs, enjoy a day at the Cabrillo tidepools, or watch a colorful sunset. Visitors can observe small sea animals up close in their natural habitat when it is low tide.

Herz also enjoys other beaches in San Diego including Mission Beach, which is

home to the historic Belmont Amusement Park.

"Mission Beach is fun for hanging out with friends, and Belmont Park is a cool way to spend a night," Herz said. "There are lots of rides and games, and I like to bike and run on the path by the beach."

Only about a 15-minute drive from USD, Mission Beach is a popular location for students to relax on the weekends. It is common for many students to live at the beach their junior and senior years.

San Diego also offers plenty of locations to exercise and enjoy the outdoors. Junior Celesta Loo shared that one of her favorite ways to spend a morning is hiking at Torrey Pines.

"Torrey Pines is beautiful, it overlooks the ocean — there are so many different trails to choose from that I pick a different one every time I go," Loo said. "It's also an easy hike, so it's nice for getting some exercise outdoors."

Located in the La Jolla community, Torrey Pines is about a 20 minute drive from campus.

Another outdoor location to visit is La Jolla Cove, a small area of beach tucked between cliffs and surrounded by a park

area and walking path. The cove is a popular setting for its ocean scenery and the marine animals that live there.

"La Jolla Cove is interesting because sea lions and seals lie on the rocks and you can see them up close," Loo said. "It's also a really scenic place to walk and take photos of the ocean."

La Jolla Cove is an excellent location to explore. Beachgoers can participate in snorkeling, scuba diving, stand-up paddleboarding, and many more beach activities.

*"It's [Moniker General] the perfect place to study, they have amazing coffee, and it's a cool atmosphere to relax and get work done off campus."*

*-Samantha Carpenter*

The cove is also close to a wide range of shops and restaurants in downtown La Jolla.

San Diego is home to a wide variety of food hotspots that Toreros can enjoy in their free time.

Junior Samantha Carpenter's favorite place to grab a bite is Liberty Public Market, a food and vendor market located inside an old Navy base, Liberty Station.

"I love that there are so many food options inside of

one building, so it's perfect for when you and your friends can't agree on one place to eat," Carpenter said. "I really like the Mama Made Thai booth."

Liberty Public Market offers a variety of craft foods, beverages, and desserts at artisan stands throughout the building. There are over 20 different booths to check out, with many options to choose from including organic smoothies to gourmet stuffed burgers. Also among the food booths are vendors who sell items such as fresh flowers,

low overhead.


Convoy Street is another well-known food location, predominantly recognized for its wide variety of Asian restaurants and dessert spots.

"I love Convoy Street," Carpenter said. "There's a revolving sushi bar at a restaurant called KULA and a rolled ice cream shop called Bing Haus. There are a lot of really unique places to eat there."

Old Town San Diego is another popular destination located only five minutes away from campus. A historic state park, Old Town is characterized by its historic atmosphere and boasts many restaurants and quirky gift shops.

"There are so many good Mexican restaurants to choose from, and I love that it's so close to school," Carpenter said. "Miguel's gives free chips and queso! There's also a lot of cute little shops and it is a fun place to spend a night out with your friends."

San Diego hosts a variety of locations that satisfy different interests, and all of the aforementioned locations are a short Uber ride away from campus. It would be a mistake for USD students to not take advantage of exploring the versatile city of San Diego.



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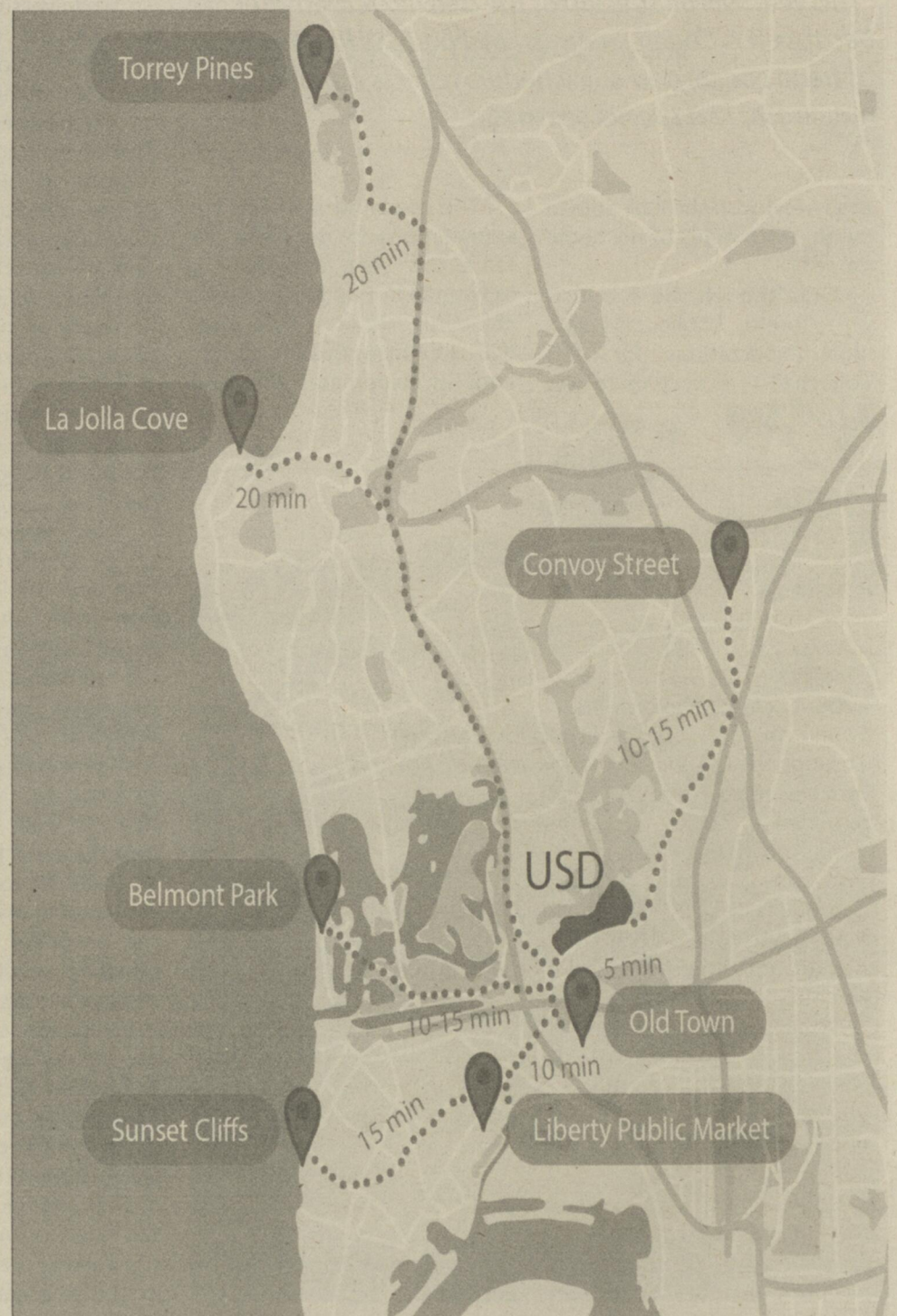
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A map detailing the locations of Torero's favorite off-campus escapes in relation to USD's campus.  
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## SPORTS

## New Toreros begin careers

USD first-year athletes ready to make an immediate impact

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The first year of college can be one of the toughest adjustment periods that a student can experience. However, first-year athletes Roxie Wiblin and Jimmy Ryan are going to have even more in their schedules than most incoming students, as both will be balancing academics and athletics as soon as they set foot on campus.

Northern California native Roxie Wiblin, an AVCA Under Armour All-American during her senior year of high school, will be an outside hitter for the No. 17 USD Women's Volleyball team. The campus and community here in America's Finest City is a draw for many prospective students, and this proved especially true for Wiblin, who also considered USC, UCLA, and UC Irvine.

"The coaching staff was another important factor in my recruitment," Wiblin said. "They made me feel right at home. Another was that my grandma

the West Coast Conference this year, because we have so much talent with our seniors, Jayden Kennedy and Kaity Edwards," Wiblin said. "I have seen our potential in these first few games and I think we can truly be great."

Wiblin is not only looking to make a mark on the volleyball court, but also hopes to make an impact on campus. "I had straight A's in high school, so I'm hoping that will carry over to college," Wiblin said regarding her academic workload.

The aspiring medical student also mentioned that a certain club on campus has already caught her eye. "I am hoping to get involved in the Rainbow Educators club at USD," Wiblin said. "I was part of a peer educators group in high school that focused on sexual health, so I'm looking forward to having a chance to continue pursuing that at USD."

Meanwhile, incoming Torero Jimmy Ryan, a midfielder from Carlsbad, California, will be joining the USD Men's Soccer team for the 2017-18 season.



First-year USD Volleyball outside hitter Roxie Wiblin smiles as she signs her letter of intent to officially join the Torero family. Photo courtesy of USD Volleyball/Twitter

*"This year will be special for me and my teammates because it is Coach [Seamus] McFadden's last year as head coach, and our schedule reflects our goal of making 2017 a special season."*

- Jimmy Ryan

lives nearby, so she'll be able to come watch many of my home games."

Even though she is a first-year Torero, Wiblin has sky-high expectations for USD Volleyball. "I expect us to win

The coaching staff has big expectations for him and the team this year, and Ryan is looking to live up to those lofty standards. He adds that there will be extra motivation for him and his teammates this year

with the impending retirement of the program's longtime head coach, Seamus McFadden.

"This year will be special for me and my teammates because it is Coach McFadden's last year as head coach, and our schedule reflects our goal of making 2017 a special season, as we have many games scheduled against the top teams in the country," Ryan said. "I expect our team to make a run to win the WCC and hopefully we can make it far in the NCAA Tournament."

While Ryan has yet to take the field this season, he has been able to travel with the team and recognizes the team's potential.

"Last weekend, we played No. 7 Indiana," Ryan said. "Although we lost in overtime, our team showed up and played well and foreshadowed our potential to take down the other big names on our schedule."

Ryan has high hopes of making an impact off the field as well. "Academically, I look forward to being a part of USD's Honors Program and challenging myself throughout the program," Ryan said. The Carlsbad native is deciding between pursuing a degree in business or finance and considered several Ivy League schools when weighing where to spend his next four years.

In his college career, Ryan hopes to bring some excitement back to the Toreros' fan base as well. "Throughout my college life, I want to help create a greater student fan base and atmosphere at all USD sporting events," Ryan

said. "I will be doing my part in attending all the games I can for other athletic teams at USD, and I hope that many other students at USD will join me."

Even though Wiblin and Ryan are both first-year Toreros,

fans should expect to see them competing in baby blue sooner rather than later. On and off the playing field, both appear primed with the mindset and talent to find success quickly as they start their careers at USD.

**Catch these new Toreros and their teammates in upcoming home games at the Jenny Craig Pavilion and Torero Stadium!**

### Volleyball

09/01 - vs. Georgia Tech @ 1:30 p.m.\*

09/02 - vs. Villanova @ 10:00 a.m.\*

09/02 - vs. No. 4 Texas @ 7:30 p.m.\*

09/12 - vs. San Diego State @ 6:00 p.m.

09/26 - vs. Loyola Marymount @ 6:00 p.m.\*\*

### Men's Soccer

09/01 - vs. UC Santa Barbara @ 8:30 p.m.

09/15 - vs. Lipscomb @ 7:00 p.m.

09/21 - vs. CSU Northridge @ 7:00 p.m.

10/08 - vs. Loyola Marymount @ 5:00 p.m.\*\*

10/13 - vs. Portland @ 7:00 p.m.\*\*

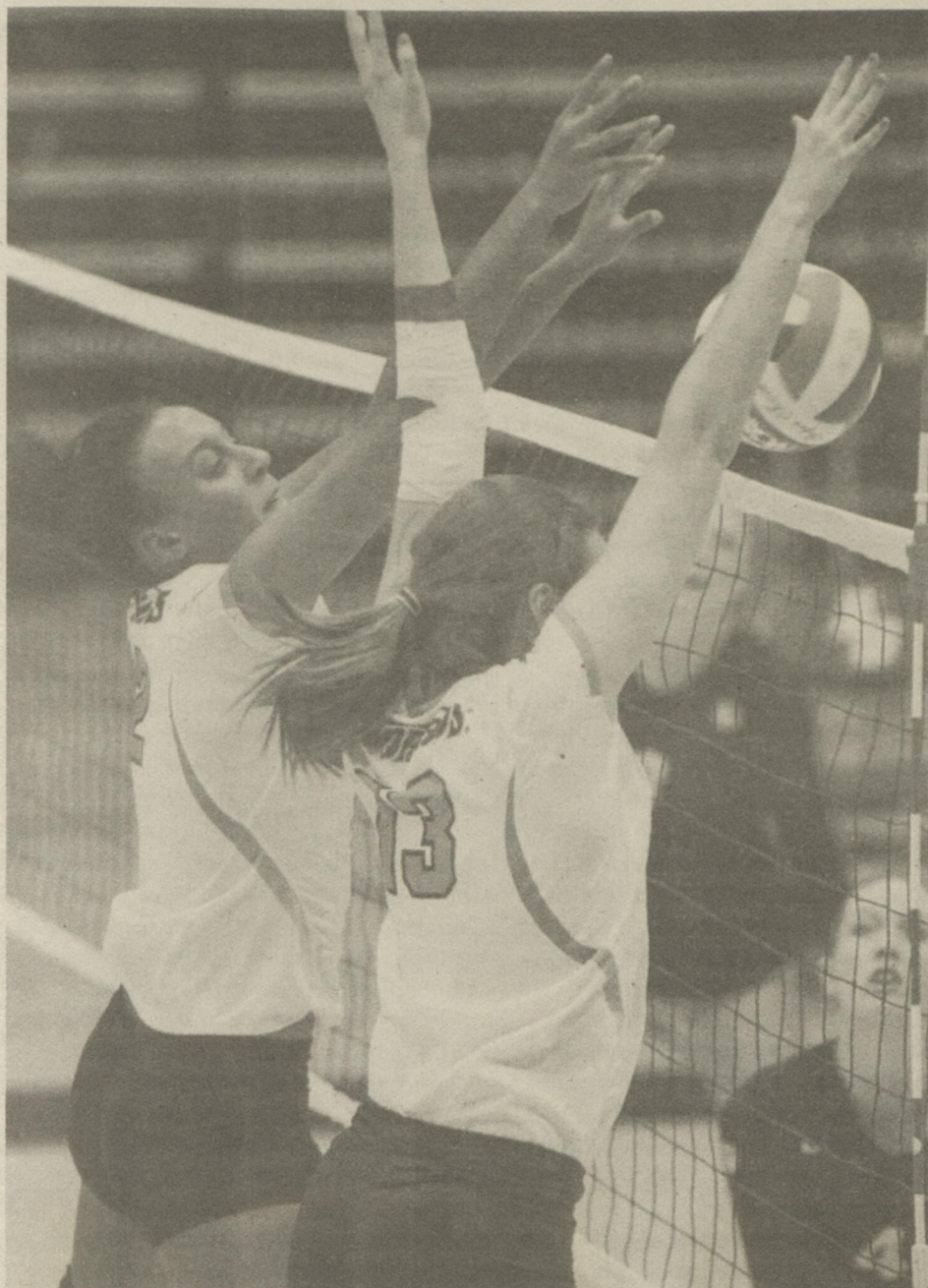
\*USD Invitational

\*\*West Coast Conference



First-year midfielder Jimmy Ryan (33) stands with teammate Leon Mueller-Wilson. Photo courtesy of Jimmy Ryan

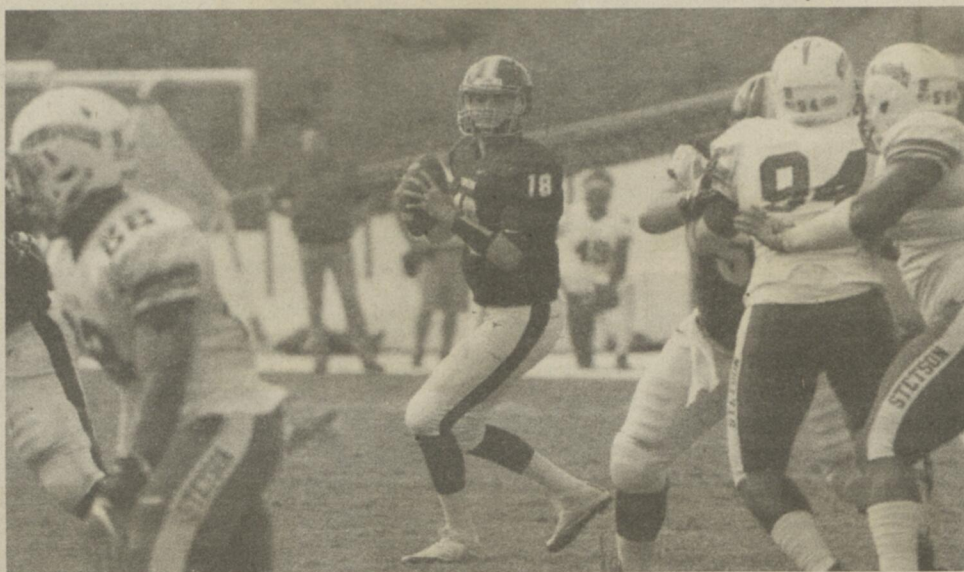




Volleyball stars Jayden Kennedy and Kaity Edwards will help the team live up to preseason expectations.  
Photo courtesy of USD Athletics



Senior Patrick McGrath will be one of the leaders on the Men's Soccer Team for the Fall 2017 season.  
Photo courtesy of USD Athletics



Quarterback Anthony Lawrence is in for a big season as the head of the Toreros' offense.  
Photo courtesy of USD Athletics

# September Sports Calendar

*Take a break from the hectic first month of school and support your fellow toreros!*

<b>1</b> <b>WOMEN'S SOCCER</b> SDSU SPORTS DECK @7 P.M.	<b>2</b> <b>COLLEGE FOOTBALL</b> <b>SEASON OPENER</b> ACROSS THE NATION	<b>2</b> <b>FOOTBALL VS.</b> <b>WESTERN NEW MEXICO</b> TORERO STADIUM @2 P.M.	<b>3</b> <b>WOMEN'S SOCCER</b> <b>VS. DENVER</b> TORERO STADIUM @1:30 P.M.	<b>7</b> <b>NFL SEASON</b> <b>OPENER</b> NBC @5:30 P.M.
<b>9</b> <b>ULTIMATE FIGHTING:</b> <b>UFC 215</b> PAY-PER-VIEW (PPV) @7 P.M.	<b>9-10</b> <b>TENNIS: US OPEN</b> <b>CHAMPIONSHIPS</b> ESPN @1 P.M.	<b>12</b> <b>WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL</b> <b>VS. SDSU</b> JENNY CRAIG PAVILION @6 P.M.	<b>15</b> <b>WOMEN'S SOCCER</b> <b>VS. UC IRVINE</b> TORERO STADIUM @5 P.M.	<b>15</b> <b>MEN'S SOCCER VS.</b> <b>LIPSCOMB</b> TORERO STADIUM @7 P.M.
<b>16</b> <b>BOXING: GENNADY</b> <b>GOLOVKIN VS.</b> <b>CANELO ALVAREZ</b> HBO PPV @1 P.M.	<b>16</b> <b>XC USD INVITE</b> MISSION BAY @8 A.M.	<b>17</b> <b>WOMEN'S SOCCER</b> <b>VS. USC</b> TORERO STADIUM @7 P.M.	<b>23</b> <b>FOOTBALL</b> <b>VS. BUTLER</b> TORERO STADIUM @2 P.M.	<b>26</b> <b>WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL</b> <b>VS. BYU</b> JENNY CRAIG PAVILION @12 P.M.



# Baseball draft dreams fulfilled

Seven Toreros selected in June's MLB Draft



Noah Hilton  
Sports Editor

It is an annual ritual for baseball's best amateur talents. Together with their families, they gather around living rooms and kitchen tables waiting for the phone to ring.

They hope that on the other end of the line will be a Major League Baseball general manager or scouting director, offering their congratulations on being selected in that year's iteration of the draft. Sometimes, the call of a lifetime follows. Many times, though, the phone sits silent.

Fortunately, that phone rang several times for the University of San Diego's newest class of alumni. Seven players were selected in this June's MLB draft, with six signing contracts to begin their professional careers.

Those six — Riley Adams,

Roman Garcia, Jonathan Teaney, Sean Barry, Colton Waltner, and Troy Conyers — will now be dispersed to minor league teams across the country, hoping to play well enough to warrant an eventual call-up to the Major Leagues.

As a whole, the class signaled a continuation of the Toreros' success in graduating players to the next level, marking the third time in four years that at least seven players were selected.

USD currently has six alumni on Major League rosters, including last year's National League Most Valuable Player, Kris Bryant.

With such a strong track record, USD holds a reputation as one of the top collegiate baseball programs on the West Coast. Rich Hill, the program's head coach since 1999, has noted that such success is no accident.

"As a coaching staff, we're committed to the development of the person that's consistent

with the mission and values of the university," Hill said. "We want to make our guys better players and better people."

In addition, Hill and his coaches recognize that there is no better feeling than seeing a former player go on to have success after college.

"The most pride and joy our staff can have is seeing our guys get drafted, especially those who were drafted low or were non-draftees out of high school," Hill said. "It's a direct reflection of our commitment to developing our players."

The impressive group of baseball alumni drafted by major league teams this June — five of whom also earned their degrees — speaks to the level of high-end ability developed by the university on a yearly basis both on and off the playing field. As successful individuals move on, others arrive to take their places. Through all of the talent turnover, it remains clear that Toreros leave legacies that last.



Coach Rich Hill has seen several former Toreros find success in the major leagues.  
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